(d) and (e) Planning Commission had assessed the social cost of road accidents in the country in the year 1999-2000 at Rs. 55,000 crores, which constituted about 3% of the Gross Domestic Products of the country for the year.

Shipping Operations at Nhava Sheva and JNPT

169. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether shipping operations at Nhava Sheva and JNPT in Mumbai have been badly affected by on-going strike between labour contractors and Container Warehousing Corporation of India;

(b) if so, to what extent the movement of cargo has been affected at Container Freight Stations in Mumbai ports;

(c) whether it is a fact that CWC owes large sums to labour contractors thereby blocking of payment of salary, wages and bonus to workers engaged by contractors; and

(d) if so, the reasons for CWC's delay in clearing up payments to its contractors?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Shipping operations at Jawaharlal Nehru Port Container Terminal (JNPCT) and Nhava Sheva International Container Terminal (NSICT) were affected in the months of October and November, 2004 due to dispute between M/s Ornate Multimodal Transport Company, a handling and transport contractor, and M/s Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) and the strike resorted to by workers engaged by M/s Ornate Multimodal Transport Company, affiliated to the Nhava Sheva Port & General Workers' Union. There is no such organization as Container Warehousing Corporation of India.

(b) Around 400 boxes of JNPCT and around 500 boxes of NSICT were diverted from JNP import Container Freight Station (CFS) to other CFSs in the months of October and November, 2004.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.